



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service of the Lord's Supper

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Shannon White

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
arr. Terry Osman

WPC Handbell Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Becky Shroyer

God of suffering, you take no delight in the destruction of your creation, your people. Our own broken edges, sharp and raw, contribute to the pain sometimes. Especially during prolonged difficulty, we find ourselves struggling. We cannot manage it on our own, yet we try, forgetting to turn to you, forgetting to turn to each other, forgetting the power you offer, the commission you give, to turn our tears to balm, to use our broken edges to cleave new realities of justice and hope. It all feels overwhelming and so we look away.

Help us, Healer. Show us our connection to your healing power. Forgive our disbelief. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

"What Wondrous Love is This"
arr. Sharon Wilson

Caleb Sharp, Cello
Aiden Sharp, Violin

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Buck Burnaman

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

ANTHEM

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”
Bob Chilcott

WPC Choir

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
 Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all, who died to save us all.
 We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,
 But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there, He hung and suffered there.
 He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good,
 That we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood, saved by His precious
 blood.
 O dearly, dearly has He loved, and we must love Him too,
 And trust in His redeeming blood, and try His works to do, and try His works to do.

SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen!**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

“Were You There”
traditional spiritual

Joseph Brewer, soloist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

UNISON PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and cup in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION MUSIC

WPC Bells

BLESSING IN THE GARDEN

Now go in silence but not in despair. May the words of Jesus ring in your ears: "I am with you always." And may the Spirit hover, move, and deliver salve to your soul until we meet again on the Day of Resurrection. Amen.



Many thanks to all who participated in this evening's service:

Rev. Shannon White, pastor
Rev. Gail Schneider, preacher
Zachary Wright, Director of Music
Wilton Presbyterian Choir
Aiden and Caleb Sharp, violin and cello
Joseph Brewer, soloist
Buck Burnaman, scripture reader
Becky Shroyer, Prayer
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